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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: FRG PAPER ON MBFR DATA

1. AS REPORTED VIENNA 8760, FRG REP (BEHREND) AT 23 OCTOBER MEETING OF NATO AD HOC GROUP, DISTRIBUTED EXCERPTS OF 1971/72 FRG WHITE PAPER ENTITLED QUOTE THE SECURITY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL ARMED FORCES UNQUOTE, PUBLISHED IN BONN ON 7 DECEMBER 1971, CONTAINING DATA ON FORCE LEVELS. FRG REP STATED INTENTION TO USE DATA IN NATIONAL PRESS BRIEFINGS RELATED TO MBFR NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL AGREED NATO DATA AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER 31.

2. PAPER, BEING SENT AIRGRAM, CONTAINS EXCERPTS FROM PAGES 16 AND 17 OF WHITE PAPER ON BALANCE OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, INCLUDING FOLLOWING DATA SUMMARY: REGIONAL COMPARISON OF NATO AND WARSAW PACT FORCES (AS OF OCTOBER 1971)

LAND FORCES	NATO	WARSAW PACT
	(FRG, BENELUX, DENMARK)	(GDR, CSSR, POLAND)

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SOLDIERS 725,000 & 860,000

DIVISIONS	28 2/3 &	59
TANKS	6,000 &	14,000

& INCLUDING THE FRENCH FORCES STATIONED IN THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

3. PAPER ALSO INCLUDED EXCERPTS ON FRG ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING:

(1) EFFECTIVE STRENGTH OF FRG ARMED FORCES ON 7 SEPTEMBER
1971 (ARMY 315,593; BUDGETED 1971, 323,015),
PAGE 55; (2) THE ARMY, PAGES 25, 26; (3) THE FIELD ARMY, PAGE
26; AND (4) THE TERRITORIAL ARMY, PAGE 27. HUMES

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